

Mr. B. B. Stoker



Dear Mr. Stoker:

I am replying to your letter of April 11, 1953 to Mr. Allen H. Dulles regarding his reply to Mr. Westbrook Baker's request for detailed information concerning this Agency's alleged relationship with the American Federation of Labor and the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

Your attention is invited to Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 (P.L. 253, 80th Congress) which provides in pertinent part "that the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure". The National Security Act of 1947 provided for the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency and defined its duties. The above quoted portion of the statute recognized the inherent sensitivity of many of the Agency's activities and the need for imposing a responsibility upon its Director to insure the protection of its sources and methods from disclosure to any persons except those intimately concerned with its operations whose official duties demanded such knowledge.

It would be contrary to the foregoing Congressional mandate for the Director to reply to any inquiries concerning the expenditure of this Agency's funds for a particular purpose. Accordingly, I trust that you will consider this adequate explanation of the reason why your request for facts cannot be answered.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Assistant to the Director

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